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1. In March 1952, [] a single trench had been constructed perpendicular to the road connecting Borino and Tesal.[†] The trench begins at Kartal hill and ends at the Bayir hills (Tepe Bayir). The trench is approximately 1.5 meters deep and one meter wide. Machine gun positions, constructed of tree trunks and dirt, are located at 100-meter intervals along the trench.

2. There are antitank barriers at positions one, four, and five kilometers from Dospat on the road to Batak. The barriers consist of two cement mounds in permanent positions and a third cement object which can be rolled into a position to block the road. There are similar barriers between the villages of Zamral (RF-1958)⁴ and Nastan (RF-1955).

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3. [redacted] in the fall of 1951, a unit of 200 men worked for 20 days near Zmeitsa constructing trenches. The trench, strengthened with tree trunks at certain places, is 1.8 meters deep and one meter wide; it extends from Karadzha Dere hill (RF-0349), through Selim Otzovo (sic) (RF-0449), to Koloskedik (RF-0550).¹

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1. Comment: Probably Zampral refers to Gut Sabral (N4144 E2435) and Koloskedik refers to Kalaus-Kedik (N4139 E2421) on the Deutsches Heereskarte 1:100,000 series; Tesal is probably Chala (N4139 E2419).

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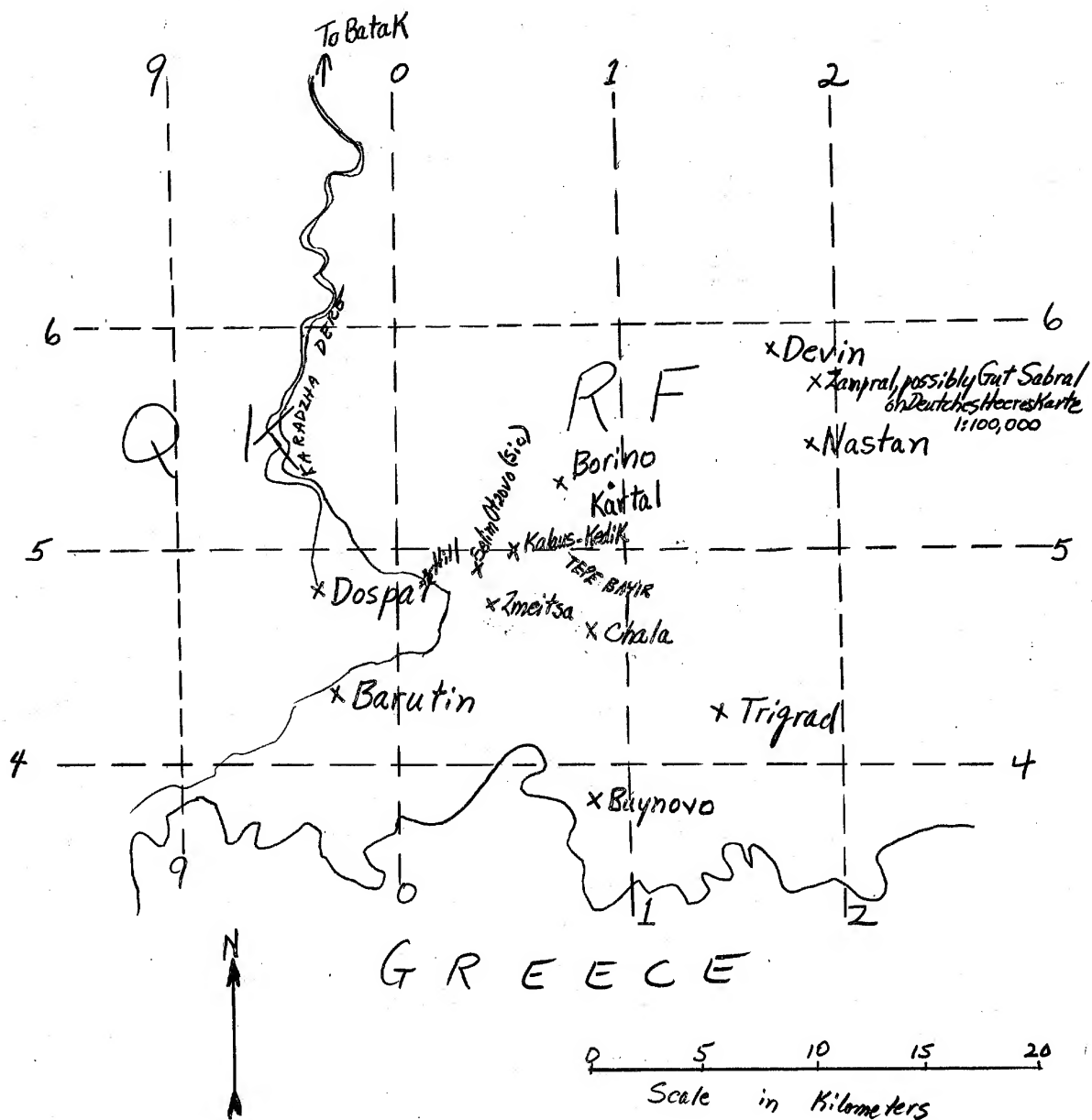
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